

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a barbecue grill having an upper member and a lower member defining a cooking chamber, the cooking chamber having a cooking grid, the upper member being hingedly secured to the lower member, the upper member covering the lower member in a closed position, the improvement comprising a light, wherein the light comprises:

a fixture having a first mating member, the fixture being fabricated to be secured to the barbecue grill;

a removable first pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the first pod removably engaging the first mating member of the fixture to removably secure the first pod to the fixture.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the first pod has a first internal power source and a first switch to independently manipulate illumination of the illumination device of the first pod when the first pod is engaging the fixture, and when the first pod is removed from the fixture.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the fixture has a plurality of first mating members, wherein the second mating member of the first pod removably engages one of the plurality of first mating members on the fixture to removably secure the first pod to the fixture, and further comprising a removable second pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the second pod removably engaging one of the plurality of first mating members on the fixture to removably secure the second pod to the fixture.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 3, wherein the first pod has a first internal power source and a first switch to independently manipulate illumination of

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the illumination device of the first pod, and wherein the second pod has a second internal power source and a second switch to independently manipulate illumination of the illumination device of the second pod.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 3, wherein the fixture has a handle portion between the first pod and the second pod.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the fixture is fabricated to be connected to the upper member of the barbecue grill.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the fixture is fabricated to be connected to a handle of the barbecue grill.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 7, wherein the fixture has a spring connector portion for connecting the fixture to the handle of the grill.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the illumination device comprises a plurality of light emitting diodes, the light emitting diodes being directionally focused in varying directions.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the first mating member depending from the fixture is one of a male protrusion or a female receiver, and wherein the second mating member depending from the pod is the other of the male protrusion or female receiver.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 10, wherein the male protrusion and the female receiver mate in a frictional fit to secure the pod to the fixture.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 10, wherein one of the male protrusion and the female receiver has a stop to position the pod on the fixture.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 1, wherein the pod has a manual switch to manipulate illumination of the illumination device.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 13, wherein the pod has an automatic tilt sensor that moves between an open position and a closed position based on the position of the pod connected to the fixture, wherein the automatic tilt sensor is electrically connected to the manual switch and provides an override to the manual switch to turn the

illumination device off when the upper member of the barbecue grill is in a closed position.

Claim 15 (currently amended): In a barbecue grill having an upper member and a lower member defining a cooking chamber, the lower member having a grilling surface, the upper member having a handle and being hingedly secured to the lower member, the improvement comprising a modular light, wherein the modular light comprises :

a housing having a connector to secure the housing to the handle of the barbecue grill being attached to the barbecue grill and having a first mating member;

a removable first pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the first pod removably connecting the first mating member of the housing to removably secure the first pod to the housing, the first pod having an independent internal power source located within the first pod for illuminating the illumination device of the first pod, and the first pod having a manual switch electrically connected to the internal power source to control illumination of the illumination device; and,

the first mating member and the second mating member being modular.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the second mating member of the first pod slidingly engages the first mating member of the housing to removably connect the first pod to the housing.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the illumination device comprises a plurality of light emitting diodes.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 17, wherein the light emitting diodes of the illumination device are directionally focused in varying positions.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the housing has a plurality of first mating members, wherein the second mating member of the first pod removably engages one of the plurality of first mating members on the housing to removably secure the first pod to the housing, and further comprising a removable second pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the second pod removably engaging one of the plurality of first mating members on the housing to removably secure the second pod to the housing, the second pod having an independent internal power

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source located within the second pod for illuminating the illumination device of the second pod, and the second pod having a manual switch electrically connected to the internal power source to control illumination of the illumination device of the second pod.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 19, wherein housing has a handle portion for grasping by a user, the handle portion located between the first pod and the second pod when first and second pods are removably secured to the housing.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the illumination device is a plurality of light emitting diodes.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the first mating member removably engages the second mating member without hardware.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the housing has a first connector to secure the housing to the barbecue grill.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein the housing has a spring member to secure the housing to the barbecue grill.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein an extension depends from the housing, and wherein the extension has a first connector to secure the extension to a surface.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The barbecue grill of claim 15, wherein ~~the housing has a connector to secure the housing to a handle of the barbecue grill for illuminating a the pod is adapted to illuminate the grilling surface of the grill when the pod is connected to the housing.~~

Claim 27 (currently amended): In a barbecue grill having an upper member, a lower member, a hinge, and a handle, the hinge securing the upper member to the lower member such that the upper member rotates about a horizontal axis~~the upper member being hingedly connected to the lower member along a pivot axis on a first side of the upper member, the pivot axis being generally horizontal~~, the upper member covering the lower member in a closed position, the upper member and the lower member defining a cooking chamber, the cooking chamber having a cooking grid, the handle being attached to the upper member ~~on a second side of the upper member and being generally parallel to the pivot horizontal axis, the second side~~

~~being opposite the first side~~, the improvement comprising a modular light, wherein the modular light comprises :

a housing being attached to the handle of the barbecue grill and having a plurality of first mating members;

a removable first pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the first pod removably connecting to one of the first mating members of the housing to removably secure the first pod to the housing, the first pod having an independent internal power source located within the first pod for illuminating the illumination device of the first pod, and the first pod having a manual switch electrically connected to the internal power source to control illumination of the illumination device of the first pod;

a removable second pod having an illumination device and a second mating member, the second mating member of the second pod removably connecting to another of the first mating members of the housing to removably secure the second pod to the housing, the second pod having an independent internal power source located within the second pod for illuminating the illumination device of the second pod, and the second pod having a manual switch electrically connected to the internal power source to control illumination of the illumination device of the second pod; and,

the plurality of first mating members of the housing and the second mating members of the first pod and second pod being modular.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 27, wherein the second mating members of the first and second pods slidingly engage the respective first mating members of the housing to independently removably connect the first and second pods to the housing.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 27, wherein the illumination devices of the first and second pods comprises a plurality of light emitting diodes.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The barbecue grill of claim 27, wherein the housing is fabricated in a two part mating configuration to be removably connected around a portion of a handle of a barbecue grill.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): A light for a barbecue grill, the barbecue grill having a lower housing with a cooking grid, and a lid that covers the lower housing when the lid is in a closed position, the light comprising:

a light housing having a light source, the light housing mounted to the lid of the barbecue grill, an automatic switch connected to the light source wherein the automatic switch is a timer, the automatic switch manipulating illumination of the light source, and a manual switch on the light housing providing an override to the automatic switch for controlling illumination of the light source.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The light of claim 31 wherein the light housing is mounted to the lid with an integral c-shaped threaded clamping device.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The light of claim 32 wherein the light housing is attached to the clamping device by an articulable connection.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The light of claim 32 wherein the light housing is attached to the clamping device by an adjustable connection.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The light of claim 31 wherein the timer turns the light source off after a period of time.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): The light of claim 35 wherein the manual switch overrides the timer by turning the light source off before the period of time has elapsed.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): A light for a barbecue grill, the barbecue grill having a lower housing with a cooking grid, and a lid that covers the lower housing when the lid is in a closed position wherein the lid has a handle, the light comprising:

a housing integral with a clamping member;
the housing having a light source and a timer connected to the light source; and,
the clamping member being mounted to the handle of the barbecue grill.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The light of claim 37 wherein the clamping member is a c-shaped threaded clamping device.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The light of claim 38 wherein the light housing is attached to the c-shaped threaded clamping device by an articulable connection.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The light of claim 38 wherein the light housing is attached to the c-shaped threaded clamping device by an adjustable connection.

Claim 41 (withdrawn): The light of claim 37 wherein the timer turns the light source off after a period of time.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): The light of claim 41 wherein the light further comprises a manual switch for providing an override to the timer to turn the light source off before the period of time has elapsed.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): A light for a barbecue grill, the barbecue grill having a lower housing with a cooking grid, and a lid that covers the lower housing when the lid is in a closed position wherein the lid has a handle, the light comprising:

- a housing attached to a clamping member by an articulable connection;
- the housing having a light source and a timer connected to the light source; and,
- the clamping member being mounted to the handle of the barbecue grill.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): A light for a barbecue grill, the barbecue grill having a lower housing with a cooking grid, and a lid that covers the lower housing when the lid is in a closed position wherein the lid has a handle, the light comprising:

- a housing attached to a c-shaped clamping device by an articulable connection;
- the housing having a light source, a manual switch, and a timer wherein the manual switch and timer are connected to the light source;
- the timer turning the light source off after a period of time;
- the manual switch providing an override to the timer by turning the light source off before the period of time has elapsed; and,
- the clamping member being mounted to the handle of the barbecue grill.